

As the Network Operations manager of a small ISP I am very concerned about the far reaching ramifications of this proposal. First, I feel it places an undue burden on a fledgling industry that is typically understaffed and already under significant strain in deploying a new technology. Secondly, placing management/receipt of these funds in care of the ILEC's is an enormous mistake. These very same ILEC's are the ones who have been fined repeatedly for unfair competitive practices, failure to provide equal access to CLEC's, and many other abuses of their position and power which are well documented with every Public Utilities Commission in virtually every state. The records speak out very clearly in these matters and the message that CLEC's historically have a poor track record in maintaining the best interests of the public is irrefutable. Further empowering them when they chronically abuse their positions would be a irresponsible and negligent act. For the sake of fostering a fledgling industry, for the sake of promoting a fair competitive environment, and for the best interests of the public in general please reject this proposal.